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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Good day all,

This will be my last Newsletter as your Commander. It has been a sincere honor and privilege to serve you all and I will continue to do so until the new Commander is installed at the June Post Meeting. There are many duties and responsibilities as Commander, different committees and chairman and operations of the Post and our Programs. I will have to say that my favorite part, was being able to help the many Veteran families that we did over Thanksgiving and Christmas. Being able to see the needs in the Community and our Post and then being able to meet those needs. Although I do not wish to go further in stature, it did open doors for myself and the Post to be able to more easily see and meet the different needs in our community. I got to see that working together with other area organizations, businesses, and our CVSO can accomplish much more than by ourselves. To bring dinner to the hungry, necessities that some of us take for granted and being able to give and see their faces, hear their stories, it makes it an addiction to want to continue to do more.

I joined The American Legion, because I wanted to continue to serve. It took me a number of years to figure out the “How”. If you joined for the same reasons, and are looking for ways to give back, help our fellow Veterans, Service Members and our Community, we really have plenty of area’s you can help in. Attend a Post Meeting, contact the Post and talk to one of our Officers.

If you don’t, who will?

God Speed,

Renee Kasuboski
Commander, Appleton American Legion Post 38

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

2 Post Meeting 7:00PM
9 Events Committee Meeting . 7:00PM
12 Bingo 7:00PM
16 House Committee Meeting . 6:30PM
16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
18 Scarlet Guard Meeting . . . 6:30PM
26 Bingo 7:00PM
28 9th Aux. District Spring Conference
in Oconto Falls
30 Executive Meeting 6:30PM

MAY

7 Post Meeting (Election) . . . 7:00PM
10 Bingo 7:00PM
14 Events Committee Mtg . . . 6:30PM
18 Poppy Day
19 Poppy Day
21 House Committee Mtg . . . 6:30PM
21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
24 Bingo 7:00PM
28 Memorial Day
30 Executive Committee Mtg . 6:30PM

JUNE

4 Post Meeting (New Officer
Installation). 7:00PM
9 Flag Day Parade & Celebration
11 Events Committee Mtg . . . 6:30PM
11 Auxiliary Exec Meeting . . . 6:30PM
14 Bingo 7:00PM
18 House Committee Mtg . . . 6:30PM
18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM
25 Executive Meeting 6:30PM
28 Bingo 7:00PM



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ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

As you know, there is power in numbers and our membership numbers give us a strong voice in Washington. The Legion leadership stormed the hill in Washington DC at the end of February with 13 items on the Legion Legislative Agenda. The American Legion fights for Veteran's rights, for a strong National Defense, and protecting the American Flag. I will have copies of the Agenda at the Post Meeting if you are interested or you can find the Agenda on the National website. (www.legion.org)

We only need about 40 members to reach the post goal and be a 100% post. The Wisconsin incentive for membership is for every new member you recruit to the Legion your name will be in a drawing for \$250.00.

If you change address, change your telephone number, or have an email, please remember to send your new information to me at laurel.clewell@yahoo.com or call at (920) 427-4234.

For God and Country,

Laurel Clewell
Adjutant

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter and green grass,

Soon flowers will be blooming and everything will start to turn green again. I know we all can't wait to get outside and get in the fresh air. But, as we do that maybe consider doing one kind act for a friend, veteran, neighbor or a stranger, to help brighten their spring. They will appreciate it and you will feel better, and hopefully they will pass on the kindness of a new spring.

At the Post March meeting the Auxiliary wished the "American Legion Happy Birthday" with a gift of a nesco for the Brat Frys, and another one at the Birthday Pot Luck the Auxiliary had at our March meeting.

Our unit still hasn't hit 100%, and we need everyone's help to reach our 2018 goal of 170 members. Those who still haven't renewed please do so. Ladies and Legionnaires don't forget to sign up your daughters, granddaughters, and friends. Those members who decided not to renew, thanks so much for your past support.

At the May Auxiliary meeting we will invite the Americanism essay winners along with their families and teachers, to come and read their essays.

Please give a little time on Friday May 18th and Saturday morning May 19th for our annual "Poppy Day" fundraiser. Please be generous in supporting our Veterans and their families. Remember the funds raised from the poppy distribution help our Veterans and their families. Without these funds we can't give the scholarships out at Fox Valley Technical College, help Camp American Legion's wish list all year, treats for the VA hospitals, Wreaths Across America and the list goes on. And if you can give just one hour of your time to distribute poppies on that day call Linda Breitzman (920) 731-3703 or Marian (920)810-0737 to sign up. We will be at the April and May Post meetings with the sign-up notebook and more information.

Lastly, Memorial Day is drawing near and I ask that you take time during the month of May to "Thank" our Veterans and military families for their sacrifices they have made for our freedom. And all the veterans who served to keep us free. Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery. This is one way to show our appreciation to our veterans and their sacrifices they have made. These military service men and women don't get "thanked" enough for all the good we have living free in the USA! Thank You Veterans and Happy Memorial Day.

The Auxiliary Executive Meeting is set for Monday June 11th at 6:30pm at the Post.
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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

March, 2018

DECEASED and now in Post Everlasting:

- Delbert Carter* 12.18.17
- Allen Hansen* 12.21.17
- Richard Jahnke*..... 12.22.17
- Francis Carpenter* 12.27.17
- Robert Gauerke* 01.09.18
- Kenneth Greeley*..... 01.12.18
- John Killa* 01.23.18
- Norman Flom*..... 01.31.18
- Roger Schmidt* 02.21.18
- Clifford Broehm*..... 03.11.18

RECOUPERATING:

- *Don Eiden* is recovering from surgery and we wish him the best.

PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF ANY ONE IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ANY OTHER ILLNESSES SO I CAN GET THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.

Don J Eiden
Service Officer Post 38
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BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

Auxiliary Unit 38 has distributed 8 of the blue star banners since my last article. After some checking I heard there were not many deployments in this area. I have given them to friends of the Auxiliary who had come forward. Mostly I was able to identify some, just telling people about the Blue Star Service Banner.

Two were identified as those currently in the American Legion Post 38, others through the Appleton Military Support Group, and three from family members of those who are currently members of the Auxiliary. I too am eligible, as my grandson is in the Marine Reserves and is seriously considering being activated.

As stated previously the Blue Star Banners are displayed by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments. The banner is usually displayed in the front window of a home to show the family's pride in their loved one serving in the military, and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much.

Thank you to all who responded, and again if you know someone, please have them contact me: *Rose Heinz* (920) 734-7570.

POPPY MESSAGE

Just a reminder Poppy Day is scheduled for May 18 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and May 19 from 8:00 to noon. Please volunteer your time to help distribute poppies. Call me at 731-3703 if you can help.

If you are unable to help distribute consider a donation with the attached coupon. All donations are used to help our veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

Linda Breitzman
Poppy Chair

SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBERFEST
ON
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

**WE WILL NEED WORKERS
FOR THE
LEGION WRISTBAND BOOTH.**

BINGO
*every 2nd & 4th
Thursday
each month*

**Come to the
Club for Friday
Fish Fry –
Every Friday**

**Remember to support your post
at the Friday fish fry!**



**BECOME A FAN OF
APPLETON AMERICAN
LEGION POST 38**



If you want to contribute and are unable to volunteer. Please cut and mail your Poppy donation to:

Poppy Fund, ALA Unit #38
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POPPY DONATION:

\$ _____

Thank you for your donation to help our veterans and their families.